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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

As we near the one-year mark from the release of our Policy Brief and statewide launch, we are excited to continue attracting new schools and supporters. In late September, the Illinois Educational Technology Leaders (IETL) led by their president, Anton Inglese, adopted a resolution in support of the Vision 20/20 education improvement proposal.

In a letter of support, Inglese wrote, "The Board believes that the Vision 20/20 initiative is directly aligned with the IETL mission and that collaborative efforts are integral to improving education for the students of Illinois."

We could not agree more. Collaboration is essential for success. That's why on September 29, we hosted a statewide webinar (see link on page 2) and a meeting with the original architects of the policy brief along with key education stakeholders from around the state. The article on page 2 goes into greater detail about both and discusses our plans for year two. By adding more voices to the Vision 20/20 initiative, we know we can have a real impact on the policies and legislation affecting our schools and students in Illinois.

Be sure to spread the word about the Vision 20/20 21st Century Learning Center on iTunes U. We want to continue to grow the site with more courses and content for grades 9-12.

For the latest information regarding anything related to Vision 20/20 please visit our website at <http://illinoisvision2020.org> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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WE'RE GROWING

Welcome Our New School District!

Batavia USD #101

SUPPORTING DISTRICTS

515

STUDENTS REPRESENTED

802,449

PETITIONS SIGNED

773

Welcome Some of Our New Supporters!

Illinois Computing Educators

Illinois Educational Technology Leaders

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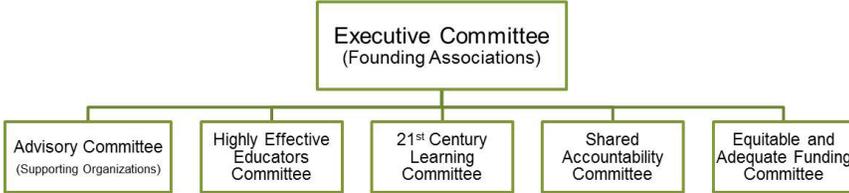
===== ADDING VOICES TO THE =====  
 ===== VISION 20/20 INITIATIVE =====

Engaging the Illinois Educator Community is one of four priorities for the Vision 20/20 leadership as they embark on year two of the initiative. On Tuesday, September 29, nearly 100 education stakeholders from around the state, including the original architects of the policy brief, participated in a 45-minute webinar led by the leadership and hosted by the Illinois Principals Association. [Click here to view the webinar.](#)

The webinar provided an overview of year one including the passage of two major pieces of legislation into law, as well as the priorities of year two including:

- Lead Public Education Advocacy Efforts
- Publish Authoritative Research and Resources
- Create a Sustainable Operating Structure

Following the live presentation, a meeting was held with key stakeholders. The purpose of the meeting was to present the new engagement structure which will add more voices back into the discussion of policymaking and legislation in the state.



The new committees' structure was presented and includes a committee tied to each of the four pillars in the policy brief and an Advisory Committee that will report recommendations to the Executive Committee. [Click here to view power point presentation.](#) The Advisory Committee recommendations could lead to legislation being introduced next year.

Attendees were presented with the priorities of the organization and the discipline process to manage it. A meaningful discussion followed with an overview of each pillar tied to legislation.

Many suggestions and comments were brought forth both stakeholders and will be discussed further in future committee meetings. During closing remarks, it was noted that over 500 plus schools have endorsed Vision 20/20 to date, and that we all need to use Vision 20/20 as a platform for individuals through collaboration, research and more for every school district in the state.

== PHOTOS FROM WEBINAR ==



Education stakeholders from around the state listen to the Vision 20/20 leadership and view materials presented during the webinar hosted at the Illinois Principals Association offices September 29, 2015.



===== SIGN OUR PETITION! =====

Join the support for Vision 20/20 and sign our petition! [Click here.](#)

== ARE YOU A VISION 20/20 ==  
 ===== SCHOOL? =====  
 ===== IF NOT, JOIN US! =====

Please remind your school districts that have not passed a resolution endorsing Vision 20/20 to do so and be a part of our growing network.

The number of districts and supporters has risen and momentum is growing. However, we still have work to do before we can have every school in Illinois on board. If your school district has not endorsed the Vision 20/20 plan and would like more information, please contact us at questions at: [questions@illinoisvision2020.org](mailto:questions@illinoisvision2020.org)